

## APPENDIX A – World Health Organization (WHO) Phases

Period	WHO Phase	Transmission	Objectives	Strategic Actions	Emergency Management Phase			
					Preparedness	Response	Recovery	Mitigation
Inter-Pandemic	Phase 1	Influenza virus subtype in animals only (risk to humans low)	Strengthen pandemic preparedness at all levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare Pandemic Preparedness Plan</li> <li>• Establish human influenza surveillance</li> <li>• Establish collaboration between human and animal sectors</li> </ul>				
	Phase 2	Influenza virus subtype in animals only (risk to humans substantial)	Minimize the risk of transmission to humans;  Detect and report rapidly, if it occurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance animal surveillance and aggressive response to animal outbreaks</li> <li>• Strengthen human surveillance</li> <li>• Stockpile antiviral, PPE etc</li> <li>• Strengthen collaboration between different sectors and WHO/OIE/FAO</li> <li>• Develop and implement risk communication strategy</li> <li>• Prepare health and essential service contingency plan</li> </ul>				
Pandemic Alert	Phase 3	Human infection (transmission in close contacts only)	Ensure rapid characterization of new virus  Detect, notify and respond to additional cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance Animal surveillance and aggressive animal outbreak containment</li> <li>• Enhance human surveillance and aggressive outbreak management</li> <li>• Early strategic use of antivirals</li> </ul>				
	Phase 4	Limited human-to-human spread; small clusters  <25 cases lasting <2 weeks	Contain the virus or delay its spread	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social distancing</li> <li>• Implement risk communication strategy</li> <li>• Issue alert for quick implementation of health</li> </ul>				

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	<b>Phase 5</b>	Localized human-to-human spread; Large clusters 25-50 cases over 2-4 weeks	Maximum efforts to contain or delay the spread	and essential service contingency plan					
<b>Pandemic</b>	<b>Phase 6</b> Country not affected	Widespread in general population	Minimize the impact of the pandemic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement health and essential services contingency plan</li> <li>Risk communication;</li> <li>Treat cases and contacts with antivirals, if available,</li> <li>Social distancing: close schools, ban gatherings</li> </ul>					
	<b>Phase 6</b> Country Affected								
	<b>Phase 6</b> Subsidied								
	<b>Phase 6</b> Next Wave								
<b>Post Pandemic</b>	Return to inter-pandemic period								